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eases have been reported. One death occurred on the steamship *Cienfuegos* from acute gastritis, while in port.

*Daiquiri*.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan J. de Jongh reports 2 deaths for this period, both from malarial fever.

*Guantanamo*.—No report.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

DENMARK.

*Abolition of sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports—  
Quarantine against Hull and Pernambuco on account of smallpox.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a dispatch from the minister of the United States at Copenhagen, reporting that certain sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports have been abolished, and that, owing to the appearance of smallpox at Hull and Pernambuco, the government of the Danish West Indies has ordered a quarantine of fifteen days against ships arriving from those ports.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

COPENHAGEN, *March 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy, together with a translation of a decree by the Danish Ministry of Justice, dated the 1st instant, abolishing some of the sanitary measures against the city of Alexandria and Portuguese ports of which I advised you in my Nos. 115 and 120, respectively, of August 31 and September 6, 1899.

I have also to report that in a note verbale, dated the 6th instant, the minister of foreign affairs informs me that owing to the appearance of smallpox at Hull and Pernambuco, the government of the Danish West Indies has ordered a quarantine of fifteen days against ships arriving from those ports.

Respectfully,

LAURITS S. SWENSON.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure in No. 15—Translation.]

*Decree by the Ministry of Justice abolishing some of the sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports.*

MARCH 1, 1900.

The quarantine at present in force against the city of Alexandria and Portuguese ports is hereby revoked, as are also the prohibitory measures connected with the quarantine against Alexandria.

No quarantine at present exists. (a) The provisions of section 2, paragraph 1, of the law of July 2, 1880, at present applies to the following places: The city of Hull, the ports of Egypt, the ports on the Red Sea, the ports of Tonkin and Cochin China and the East Indies, including the Dutch East India colonies.

(b) The importation of rags and crass wool from the places mentioned under (a), except Hull, is prohibited, unless accompanied by a certificate attesting that they have been carbolized or washed and heated to 80° Celsius.

From these places, with the exception of Hull, the importation of used linen, used wearing apparel, and used bedclothes is also prohibited, except as baggage or in case the consignee (receiver) attests by affidavit that the goods are imported in consequence of the owner's change of domicile.

Such goods, when imported as above, are withheld until disinfected under public supervision.

The importation from the ports of Portugal of the following articles is prohibited: Rags, used wadding, crass wool, paper, shavings, hair, hides, used bags, carpets, embroideries, fresh offals, hoots, wool, and raw silk; also used linen, used wearing apparel, and bedclothes, except when these articles constitute personal baggage, in which case they must be disinfected under public supervision.

This decree takes immediate effect.

HORRING.

ENGLAND.

*The vaccination controversy at Leicester.*

[Continued from PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 10, page 551.]

NOTTINGHAM, *March 12, 1900.*

The following supplementary report from Consular Agent S. S. Partidge, at Leicester, concerning the antivaccination crusade, confirms the complete collapse of that noteworthy agitation, and illustrates the present financial straits of the obstructing board of guardians.

S. C. MCFARLAND,  
*United States Consul.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

LEICESTER, *March 9, 1900.*

After the regular business of the Leicester board of guardians, at their meeting on March 6, 1900, a private conference of the 22 members concerned in the recent proceedings in the queen's bench division of the high court of justice was held, when the bill of costs to which they have become liable was laid before them. This amounted to the sum of £1,220 15s. 3d. (say \$5,940.84). It is understood that no steps were taken to discharge the liability. The guardians' defense fund, referred to in the supplementary report of January 30 last, as having been raised by public subscription, amounts to about £600 (say \$3,000), so that there remains practically half of the total to be found before the bill can be discharged. Probably a further appeal to the public for subscriptions to clear off this balance will be made.

*Report from Liverpool.*

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *March 19, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended March 17, 1900:

Two cases of smallpox, both imported, are reported for the two weeks ended March 15, otherwise the health of Liverpool remains good.

Twenty vessels cleared during the week for United States ports; of these 2 were cleared without inspection. Seven hundred and forty-seven emigrants were inspected and passed. The baggage of 45 Russian emigrants was disinfected and labeled. Two cases of favus and 1 of trachoma were seen during the week, and were detained here by the steamship agents.

Since the commencement of inspection at this port much improvement has been noticed in the baggage offered for shipment by Russian emigrants. Comparatively little old bedding appears. Many emigrants have no baggage and many have only a small amount of clean wash goods. This has resulted, I believe, from instruction issued at my request by the steamship companies to their continental booking agents to discourage as much as possible the shipment of certain classes of suspected baggage.

Respectfully,

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